PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL-120 Introduction to Philosophy 1

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of ENGL-120 with a minimum grade of C.

Introduces students to the ideas of major Western philosophers from pre-Socratic times to the end of the 18th Century and develops the students' critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-121 Introduction to Philosophy 2

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of ENGL-120 or higher with a minimum grade of C.

Introduces students to the ideas of major Western philosophers from the early 17th Century to the present and develops students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-125 Introduction to Ethics

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of ENGL-120 with a minimum grade of C.

A survey of major ethical theories in Western thought with reference to questions of right, good and duty, combined with application of these theories to situations in our personal lives.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-126 Contemporary American Ethics

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of ENGL-120 with a minimum grade of C.

The critical examination of personal beliefs related to contemporary American moral issues such as abortion, drugs, capital punishment, euthanasia, privacy, etc. Attention is given to weighing issues, making judgments and understanding diverse positions on any moral issue. Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-127 Feminist Philosophy

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

This course introduces students to the major themes in feminist philosophy examined through the lens of the historical development of the tradition and studied from the metaphysical, epistemological, ethical and philosophy-of-the-self areas of philosophical discourse. This course develops the students' critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-128 Social and Political Philosophy

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

This course investigates issues central to the question, "How can we best live together?" It addresses the philosophical underpinnings of the theories of justice, freedom, natural law, personal and civic responsibilities, social and political affiliation, cultrual diverstiy vis-a-vis the aforementioned and the constitution of the good society. Students will also develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-129 Introduction to Epistemology and Metaphysics

3 Units

54 hours lecture: 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of PHIL-120 with a minimum grade of C

Epistemology (the study of knowledge) and metaphysics (the study of reality) are two important branches in philosophy. Epistemology explores the themes of artificial intelligence versus human intelligence and the relationships between knowledge, beliefs, and evidence. Metaphysics examines our reality and everything in existence, including the acquisition of knowledge and the question of consciousness. This course emphasizes the historical and classical works that provide a foundation for the basic principles of good argumentation and critical analysis.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-131 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Develops skills in the use of deductive and inductive inferences; propositional and sentential logic; logical fallacies; and various syllogistic arguments for evaluating formal and informal arguments. Includes analytical and argumentative reading and writing exercises.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-133 World Philosophy

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of ENGL-120 or higher with a minimum grade of C.

Introduces students to the major themes in philosophy such as metaphysics, epistemology ethics, determinism and freedom, and ontology. Major philosophers from every continent of the globe will be presented on each issue. The course develops the students' critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-134 Philosophy of Religion

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: Completion of ENGL-120 with a minimum grade of C

Introduces the student to major themes such as the existence of God, faith and reason, evil, death, fate, mysticism and the role of logic in religious language. The course develops the students' critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Transfers to both UC/CSU

PHIL-137 Comparative Religions

3 Units

54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Comparative Religions offers a philosophical survey of the world's major religions, thereby providing a trenchant knowledge of avenues to spiritual growth, multicultural values and critical thinking skills.

Transfers to both UC/CSU